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Honorable John G. Koeltl United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 14A New York, New York 10007

Re: SEC v. William Sadleir, No. 20 Civ. 03997 (JGK)

Dear Judge Koeltl:

I represent the defendant, William Sadleir, in the criminal case pending before Judge Engelmayer, *U.S. v. William Sadleir*, No. 20 Cr. 320, which stems from the same alleged conduct and transactions at issue in this case. I write to respectfully seek an extension of Mr. Sadleir's time to answer the complaint in this action, to protect his rights in the related criminal case.

I have been advised by the AUSA handling the related criminal case, who is copied here, that the government intends to file a motion to intervene in this action and to stay proceedings pending the disposition of the related criminal case. I anticipate that Mr. Sadleir will have no objection to that motion. That being so, I respectfully request a 30-day extension of Mr. Sadleir's time to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint – from August 10, 2020 to September 9, 2020 – such that the government can make, and the Court may act upon, its stay application. This extension will avoid Mr. Sadleir being put to the prejudice of choosing to invoke his Fifth Amendment rights in answering the complaint, on the one hand, or making factual admissions and denials that could be used against him in the related criminal case, on the other hand. This is Mr. Sadleir's first request for an extension of the answer date. The SEC consents to this extension.

Alternatively, for the same reasons, I respectfully request that the Court simply stay this case now, either pending a resolution of the related criminal case or at least pending a resolution of the government's anticipated stay motion.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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